

CRISIS IN CUBA IS INEVITABLE

U. S. Squadron Steaming Hurriedly for Florida Channel.

SITUATION GROWING GRAVER

From Norfolk, Tampa and Jacksonville Go Battleships and Cruisers.

RIOTS CONTINUE DESPITE REPORTS

Great Activity in the United States Navy—Sealed Orders Are Sending the Warships Toward the Unhappy and Riotous Island.

Washington, January 13.—(Special.)—It is the beginning of the end in Cuba. That is considered to be the real meaning of the rioting in Havana and the results to which it is sure to lead.

All Washington has been talking war today. The talk of riots among the factions of Spanish soldiers and the sensational reports which had our entire navy headed that way made a deep impression on Washington.

The facts are, of course, that the rioting has been anticipated for some time as the result of interior dissensions over autonomy; that the state department has been kept fully informed, and that the real meaning of the order for the ships of the north Atlantic squadron to winter in Florida bay is that they might be near the scene in case of an outbreak which might call for their services.

The most significant feature of the developments of yesterday and today is found in the international dimension of which the rioting is the outward and visible sign. This can mean only one thing. Autonomy is a failure and Spain's possession of Cuba is assured.

Meanwhile, as has been said, the navy department is prepared for all emergencies and although the officials repeat their statements that no orders have been sent to the ships in Florida waters to go to Havana they have prudently shaped their programme so as to have a ship ready at any moment that she might be needed by Consul General Lee. It is said at the department that in case at any time it should be determined to go to Havana the choice would fall on the Maine, rather than the Maine. The reason for this choice probably is that the former is a swift cruiser and could cross the strait to Cuba in much less time than the Maine, while, though unarmored, she would be fully as effective for the protection of American interests in time of riot as the heavy battleship.

During the day a telegram came to the department from the commander of the Essex announcing that he had sailed from St. Thomas for Port Royal, so the fleet of American ships in West Indian waters has thus another accession, the Essex, though a training ship, being still serviceable, especially for landing parties.

WARSHIPS ARE READY TO SAIL

Accident on the Marblehead Is Now Being Investigated.

Key West, January 13.—The warships Maine and Marblehead and the torpedo boat Thetis are being held in readiness to proceed to sea should occasion require.

The accident which happened on board the Marblehead yesterday when four men were injured is being investigated. The Marblehead will proceed to Havana Island upon arrival of the Detroit from Miami.

UNDER STEAM AT KEY WEST

Warships Maine and Marblehead and Torpedo Flotilla Ready for Action.

Jacksonville, Fla., January 13.—The warships Maine and Marblehead and the torpedo boat Thetis have been under full steam at Key West all day awaiting orders. Stores and coal have been taken aboard. On arrival of the Detroit the Marblehead will leave for Havana to investigate the trouble reported there.

The cruiser Montgomery sailed from Tampa this afternoon under sealed orders. She had come in for a two-weeks' stay.

ACTIVITY AT HAMPTON ROADS

The New York and Other Warships Hastening Southward.

Norfolk, Va., January 13.—(Special.)—There is unusual activity aboard the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron, the cruiser New York, flagship and the battleships Indiana and Iowa, which have been anchored in Hampton Roads, awaiting the arrival of the rest of the fleet, before leaving for the annual winter cruise, which has been arranged this year for the Gulf.

The reports that the squadron has been ordered to Havana to protect American interests there would seem to be confirmed by the fact that the flagship New York, which has been taking twelve tons of coal a day, ordered 100 tons alongside at Sewall's Point by 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the very latest and an officer from the ship came up to the city to hurry up the coal people. He also went to Lambert Point to ascertain to what extent an accident to one of the chutes would delay loading the coal.

Naval officers are reticent as to the move-

ments of the fleet, but it is intimated that the New York will start south tomorrow morning. Ammunition has been delivered to all the ships of the squadron from the naval magazine, in larger quantities than would be necessary for target practice at sea, while on the cruise south.

All the navy yard work is proceeding as usual except aboard the monitor Terror, on which a night force is working to put her in condition for sea. The turret gear of the battleship Iowa is being repaired as rapidly as possible and the ship will be ready for sea by tomorrow.

LATEST CONCERNING THE RIOTS

Disturbances Have Not Altogether Ceased, Despite Official Reports.

Havana, January 13.—About noon today a crowd gathered in front of the office of El Diario de la Marina, shouting "Death to Diario." General Arolas used the regular troops to restore order and to compel the dispersal of the crowd, which kept up a continuous shouting on the streets near Central park.

These people accuse El Diario de la Marina of being responsible for all the attacks made upon army officers and Spanish residents in the islands. They say that La Discusion and El Reconcentrado received their cue from El Diario de la Marina.

A man selling El Diario de la Marina was shot in the arm.

All classes commend the authorities for avoiding unnecessary force or violence in the use of the soldiery and the police.

Last night at the palace General Blanco and the autonomist cabinet were joined by the civil governor of Havana, the colonels and chiefs of the volunteers, the Marquis Apetiquia, leader of the Spanish conservative party, and other prominent politicians. Senior Congosto, the secretary general, remained at his office until 1 o'clock this morning.

About 10 o'clock last night several shots were heard back of the Alibis theatre. It is believed they were intended to raise an alarm.

Shortly after midnight the soldiery were withdrawn from the streets and went into barracks.

THE SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE

Americans Had To Seek Refuge in the Consulate.

New York, January 13.—A special to The Journal and Advertiser from Washington says that within forty-eight hours, on present indications, intervention in Cuba will have been forced on the administration. It will be found not unexpected, the rioting in Havana was much fiercer than the censored press reports indicate.

General Lee got a cable early and reported the situation was serious, and that the mob was "getting even with the Americans" and "downing the United States," as much as it was striking at the autonomist policy and the reconcentrados. American citizens had to seek refuge in the consulate.

General Lee's prompt military instincts told him that the consulate must be in even greater danger than any other place in Havana, but General Blanco at once threw a heavy cordon of Spanish regulars with artillery and the whole square and adjoining streets were held. This alarming incident came late in the evening.

The president did not wish to act precipitately, but the emergency had to be met promptly.

The navy department was notified and Commodore Crownsfield, chief of bureau of navigation, at once sent dispatches to Admiral Bunce, with the white squadron, to hold every vessel in prompt readiness, and to Key West for the vessels at that point to be ready to start for Havana on signal, but not to land unless instructed by the president.

The Key West squadron cannot be assembled before night, as they are hunting filibusters. Not later than Friday they will be on hand.

While alone they would be unable to do much, but they might serve to inflame the Spanish mob to greater excesses, they can give a good account of themselves in preparing for the heavy fleet to follow.

The torpedo boats have been notified and can be put into Key West for a dash on Havana by Friday.

CONGRESS WANTS INFORMATION

Resolution Introduced Calling on the President To Give His Plans.

Washington, January 13.—Senator Cannon, of Utah, presented the following resolution in the senate today, and it was adopted:

"Resolved, That the president is requested, if in his opinion it is not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate at his earliest convenience a statement showing what measures are in force by this government in the island of Cuba, and in waters contiguous thereto, to protect the lives, liberty and property of American citizens now dwelling in Cuba."

Late this afternoon the first news of the day came to the state department from United States Consul General Lee, who telegraphed that everything was very quiet in Havana today and that there was no cause for apprehension or trouble.

Orders have been sent to the Marblehead to proceed to Navassa to investigate conditions among the laborers there, thus disposing of rumors that she would be ordered to Cuba.

WHAT GENERAL LEE REPORTS

Consul General at Havana Tells Authorities of the Trouble.

Washington, January 13.—U. S. Consul General Lee has reported to the state department from Havana under date of yesterday the facts connected with the rioting there yesterday.

While the state department officials do not divulge the text of the dispatch, it is said that it corroborates the news that has been received from the subject. According to General Lee's report the disturbance had been quelled for the time being, but he was apprehensive of another outbreak at any moment. Nothing has been heard from the consul general today, so it is assumed that the state department that the situation remains unchanged in Havana. General Lee

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HOUSE COMPLETES AGRICULTURAL BILL

Attempt to Strike Out the Famous Seed Feature Fails.

WILL INSPECT HORSE MEAT

New Feature Is Added to One of the Oldest Measures.

HANNA BOTH ROASTED AND DEFENDED

DeArmond Makes Reference to Congressional Telegrams and Mahany Replies.

Washington, January 13.—The house today completed the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill in committee of the whole and then adjourned upon the motion of those opposed to the printing of another edition of the famous "horse book."

There was the annual fight over the question of the seed distribution to the farmers, but the effort to strike out the appropriation of \$100,000 failed as usual; the majority against it today being 139. One of the amendments introduced provided for the inspection of horse meat for export purposes in the same way that the meat of cattle and other animals is now inspected.

During the debate today some very caustic criticism of the proceedings in the senate election in Ohio from Mr. DeArmond, democrat of Missouri, called forth a warm defense of Senator Hanna from Mr. Mahany, republican of New York, who eulogized the Ohio senator as the man who had overthrown the bosses of the republican party in 1888.

After some remarks by Mr. Henderson, republican of Iowa, in support of appropriation in the bill for seed distribution and in eulogy of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, whom he described as a genuine hard-fisted farmer, Mr. DeArmond, democrat of Missouri, got the floor and submitted some sarcastic comment on the newspaper reports of the election of Senator Hanna at Columbus yesterday. He read the telegram sent by Mr. Hanna to President McKinley: "God reigns and the republican party still lives."

The telegram, he said, was unique. That God reigned there was no room to doubt; therefore, the latter clause of the telegram was the only one that was worthy of notice. He proceeded to read and comment on some of the telegrams of congratulation sent to the senator by the members of the house.

Mr. Mahany, republican of New York, to the effect, in a brief but emphatic speech he replied to the remarks of the Missourian.

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MONEY COMMISSION SITS Experts Discuss the Bill for Currency Reform at Length.

FAIRCHILD GIVES HIS VIEWS

Robert S. Taylor Declares That Silver Will Continue To Cause Strife.

Washington, January 13.—The hearing of the money commission in behalf of its bill for currency reform was resumed before the banking and currency committee of the house today. T. J. Bush, of Alabama, who was heard yesterday, urged the ease of redemption under the plan of the commission. Mr. Bush also made the point that his friends might not succeed in having this entire bill enacted as a law, yet they at least desired that its essential features of relief would be incorporated into a measure of financial reform.

Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, propounded a series of questions to ex-Secretary Fairchild. Technically he agreed with Mr. Cox that the silver certificates were simply warehouse certificates, but practically they were used indiscriminately and fulfilled all the functions of money. Mr. Fairchild would be under the commission's plan, the ex-secretary said, the banks could redeem notes in any lawful money.

"If the bank elects to redeem in silver and the note holder demands gold," asked Mr. Fairchild, "the bank would be compelled to go to the treasury for gold, and the treasury would be compelled to go to the mint for gold, and the mint would be compelled to go to the mines for gold, and the mines would be compelled to go to the earth for gold, and the earth would be compelled to go to the sun for gold, and the sun would be compelled to go to the stars for gold, and the stars would be compelled to go to the universe for gold, and the universe would be compelled to go to God for gold, and God would be compelled to go to the angels for gold, and the angels would be compelled to go to the saints for gold, and the saints would be compelled to go to the just for gold, and the just would be compelled to go to the good for gold, and the good would be compelled to go to the virtuous for gold, and the virtuous would be compelled to go to the righteous for gold, and the righteous would be compelled 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Scores of Seasonable Things Curiously Cheap.

Marvels of the period—The Weather and Our Merchandising. Both are making talk. There is warmth, sultriness, oppressiveness. That's atmospheric. There's buoyancy, agitation, intensity. That's business as it proceeds here. What's wrong? Has June usurped the power of January? Telescopes reveal strange spots on the sun—new spheres, gigantic orbs. Old Sol is hurling them into space. Are we feeling this dashed-off heat? Whatever the cause, this is unusual weather. Never was a sale of Winter Goods started with climatic conditions so unfavorable. Never did a sale inspire and sustain such fervor and ardor. These are the simple reasons: Our merchandise is worthy and attractive and prices have been reduced lower than you've ever known. We haven't stopped to count the loss in clearing out certain lines. Witness the sacrifices in Dress Goods and Silks. Exquisite fabrics for less than the cost of the poorest trash. If you haven't seen these mastodon values you'd better hurry, or you'll be too late.

Since handing this to the printer a blizzard is predicted to arrive at midnight. We don't believe it.

FUR COLLARETTES, BOAS, SCARFS and CAPES REDUCED TO ACTUAL COST



Reductions in Velvet Capes.

Velvet is peculiarly adapted for very elaborate Wraps; for besides its own beauty and lustrousness the soft, silky, glossy pile sets off in a most effective way the braiding, beading and rare applique designs that ornament it. Read the following quotations seriously and be sure to get your share in the saving.

\$27.50 for \$50 Velvet Cape, trimmed elaborately with silk braid wrought into marvelous designs; storm collar of real Persian lamb, lined with best quality black satin rhadimir.

\$25.00 for \$45 Velvet Cape, cut short, tie-in effect, lavishly trimmed with Persian lamb curls and lined with black or colored satin rhadame.

\$17.50 for \$30 Velvet Cape, trimmed with pure silk braid embroidered into effective Van Dyke point designs, storm collar edged with marten fur, lined with colored satin duchesse.

\$15.00 for \$28 Velvet Cape, exquisitely braided, handsome storm collar, edged with marten fur, lined with satin of bright colors.

\$25.00 for \$45 Velvet Cape beautifully embellished with a perfect maze of rich silk braid and jet. Genuine marten fur around collar and front, lined with heavy black satin duchesse.

\$13.50 for \$25 Velvet Cape, extra length, Watteau back, full sweep, high collar edged with Thibet, lined with black Ceylon satin.

\$15.00 for \$30 Colored Velvet Cape, rare patterns worked in fine silk braid, collar edged with marten fur, cerise and bluet silk lining.

\$10.00 for \$16 and \$12 for \$20 Lizarine Velvet Capes, plain and jetted, lined with colored and black satin duchesse—warranted rain proof.



Women's Cloth Coats at Half Price.

The bulk of our stock has vanished—met its manifest destiny, and the garments are now performing their mission—adorning fair Atlantians. The rattling news of those left behind is agreeable, and will create a boom. We reviewed and reduced the prices last night—cut them down just one half. Cream of the season's newest styles, black and bright colors, beautiful and fashionable fabrics, unsurpassed tailoring and harmonious, up-to-date trimmings.

Women's Cloth Capes at Half Price.

This terrific price cut is not made to "straighten up" the stock, but to close it out entirely. It brings an opportunity for alert buyers today that should meet with quick response. A description of them would be delightful reading. But that is impossible, because each Cape is single, alone, not one of a line containing a dozen duplicates. This individuality and exclusiveness appeal to all careful dressers. No woman appreciates seeing replicas of her Cape.

Children's Cloth Jackets at Half Price.

The exodus of Children's Reefer Jackets and Long Wraps begins today in earnest. The assortment is large and includes boucles, bourettes, beavers, kerseys, meltons and camel's-hair tastefully and stylishly trimmed with braids, buckles, velvet, silk and fur. Every vigilant mother will readily perceive the advantage of buying here while half prices prevail on garments that are seldom touched by the price pruning knife. All are exquisite productions and just right for present wear.

Bargains in Women's Suits.

Getting this stock to rights. The operation, the adjustment and rearrangement will cost us plenty of money. That's our care. You are eager for news of how savings may be realized. Here are a few lines that tell the story succinctly.



Women's Camel's Hair Cheviot Suits, nobby fly-front jackets, lined with bright changeable taffeta; skirt lined with percaline, worth \$16.50; reduced to **\$11.98**

Women's beautiful Russian Blouse Suits, waists trimmed with silk braid and frogs, lined with fine taffeta silk; worth \$18.50; reduced to **\$13.50**

About twenty Bicycle Suits in cheviots and mixtures, neat, unobtrusive colors, principally gray and brown, worth \$8.50 and \$10; reduced to **\$5.98**

Very Special—Fifteen Odd Suits, only one of a kind. Our most effective styles. If you can find your size among them take it **At Half Price**



Women's handsome Flannel Waists, nicely made and neatly finished, worth \$1.25; reduced to **73c**

Women's Flannel Waists, all-wool, detachable linen collar, regularly retailed at \$2.75; reduced to **\$1.75**

Women's Striped and Figured Percal Wrappers, made with deep hem, worth \$1.00; reduced to **63c**

Women's Flannelette and Percal Wrappers, pleasant for a chilly room, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50; reduced to **98c**

Boys' Shirt Waists, "Mother's Friend" brand, new goods, \$1.00 kind for 73c, 75c kind for **49c**

Eiderdowns—38 inches wide, solid colors and stripes—thick, downy, warm, regular price 60c; reduced to **25c**

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